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SUBJECT: MBFR: WG PAPER ON AIR MANPOWER

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1. WG STAFF HAS CIRCULATED FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO WG PAPER ON AIR MANPOWER DEVELOPED AT APRIL 29 WG MEETING. MOST AMENDMENTS ARE MINOR UK EDITORIAL CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS WHICH MISSION BELIEVES WASHINGTON NEED NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN REVIEWING PAPER (REFTEL). COPY OF AMENDMENTS POUCHED TO EUR/RPM CHRISTIANSEN. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENT ON WG PAPER BY MAY 13.

2. IN SECTION ON CIVILIANIZATION, BELGIAN REP SUGGESTED ADDITION OF FOLLOWING SENTENCE (PARAS 38 AND 63 OF LATEST DRAFT-REFTEL): "OVERT CIVILIANISATION UNDERTAKEN CONCURRENTLY WITH OR SHORTLY AFTER AGREED FORCE REDUCTIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE CLASSIFIED, BY THE OTHER SIDE, AS A
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DEVICE TO CIRCUMVENT OR COMPENSATE FOR THOSE REDUCTIONS AND COULD BE EXPLOITED ACCORDINGLY."

3. FRG REP PROPOSED, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THAT FOOTNOTE CONTAINED

IN PARA 4 BELOW BE INCLUDED IN PAPER AND REFERENCED TO PARAS 11, 27 AND 47. BRITISH, ITALIAN, AND NETHERLANDS REPS EXPRESSED INDIGNATION ABOUT WORDING AND PROCEDURE OF GERMAN FOOTNOTE WHICH THEY POINTED OUT STATED CONCLUSIONS ABOUT ALLIES' ABILITY TO TAKE AIR MANPOWER CUTS ON BASIS OF STUDIES ALLIES HAD NOT SEEN. GERMAN REP LATER TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT FRG MISSION REPORTED TO BONN THAT FRG REPS HAD NEVER ENCOUNTERED SUCH HOSTILITY TO PROPOSAL FROM BONN IN ENTIRE COURSE OF MBFR CONSULTATIONS. FRG MISSION HAS REQUESTED REVISIONS IN FOOTNOTE WHICH IT HOPES TO INTRODUCE AT NEXT WG MEETING MAY 13.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF FRG FOOTNOTE

THE GERMAN DELEGATION WISHES TO EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING VIEWS WHICH ARE BASED ON GERMAN NATIONAL STUDIES:

A) THE INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN REDUCTIONS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE AVOIDED.

B) ANY AIR MANPOWER REDUCTION BY MORE THAN 3 TO 5 PER CENT WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON READINESS AND COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE AIR FORCES CONCERNED. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT WOULD BE AGGRAVATED IN THE CASE OF A SURPRISE ATTACK BY THE WP FORCES.

C) IN ANY CASE AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE US AIR FORCE AND NOT EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE INDICATED ABOVE.

D) THE PRINCIPLE THAT EACH ALLY WOULD BE FREE TO DECIDE FOR OR AGAINST AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS MUST NOT BE ABANDONED IN PHASE 2.

E) THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT READY TO TAKE PART IN AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS.

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